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FOR: AN IMAGE PROCESSING :  
APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING  
IMAGE DATA TO AN EXTERNAL  
DEVICE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.312

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Prior to patent issuance, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.